

Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union



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Greetings:

Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union and their members would like to go on record as being in favor of mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (cool) for ALL seafood and shellfish in all product forms.

CRFPU and its member feel that voluntary 'cool' has not and will not work.

Wild Salmon producers have weathered the storm of massive imports of farm-raised salmon. Now that consumers are becoming aware of the difference in purity and quality of wild caught, nature fed salmon compared to pen raised, pellet fed salmon, 'cool' will give them an informed choice between foreign and domestic products.

Made in the USA is a trademark of quality and quality is more important than price. Consumers now recognize wild salmon as a quality product and given a choice, most will choose quality over price. CRFPU and its members are constantly looking for ways to improve quality. 'Cool' can reward this effort.

We urge you implement mandatory 'cool' into law by September 30, 2004.

Thank you for your time.

Warmest regards,

Gary Soderstrom ... President

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